

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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BETH BECHARD, as Administrator :  
Ad Prosequendum of the Estate : HONORABLE JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ  
of DONALD A. BECHARD,  
deceased, :  
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Plaintiff, :  
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v. : Civil Action No. 11-00048 (JHR) (KMW)  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
et al., :  
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Defendants. :  
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STIPULATION FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE OF  
FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2677

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between the undersigned plaintiff, Beth Bechard, as Administrator Ad Prosequendum of the Estate of Donald A. Bechard, deceased, by Martin T. McDonough, M.D., J.D., the plaintiff's undersigned attorney, and the defendant, the United States of America (hereinafter "defendant"), by Paul J. Fishman, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, Elizabeth A. Pascal, Assistant U.S. Attorney appearing, as follows:

1. The parties do hereby agree to settle and compromise each and every claim of any kind, whether known or unknown, arising directly or indirectly from the acts or omissions that gave rise to

the above-captioned action under the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

2. The United States of America agrees to pay the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00), which sum shall be in full settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof, resulting, and to result, from the subject matter of this settlement, including any claims for wrongful death, for which plaintiff or her guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, and each of them, now have or may hereafter acquire against the United States of America, its agents, servants, and employees.

3. Plaintiff and her guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns hereby agree to accept the sums set forth in this Stipulation of Compromise Settlement in full settlement and satisfaction of any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature, including claims for wrongful death, arising from, and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property and the consequences thereof which they may have or hereafter acquire against the United States of America, its agents, servants, and employees on account of the same

subject matter that gave rise to the above-captioned action, including any future claim or lawsuit of any kind or type whatsoever, whether known or unknown, and whether for compensatory or exemplary damages. Plaintiff and her guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns further agree to reimburse, indemnify, and hold harmless the United States of America, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all such causes of action, claims, liens, rights, or subrogated or contribution interests incident to or resulting from further litigation or the prosecution of claims by plaintiff or her guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns against any third party or against the United States, including claims for wrongful death.

4. This Stipulation for Compromise Settlement is not, is in no way intended to be, and should not be construed as, an admission of liability or fault on the part of the United States, its agents, servants, or employees, and it is specifically denied that they are liable to the plaintiff. This settlement is entered into by all parties for the purpose of compromising disputed claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and avoiding the expenses and risks of further litigation.

5. It is also agreed, by and among the parties, that the respective parties will each bear their own costs, fees, and expenses and that any attorney's fees owed by the plaintiff will be

paid out of the settlement amount and not in addition thereto.

6. It is also understood by and among the parties that pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2678, attorney's fees for services rendered in connection with this action shall not exceed 25 per centum of the amount of the compromise settlement.

7. The persons signing this Settlement Agreement warrant and represent that they possess full authority to bind the persons on whose behalf they are signing to the terms of the settlement. In the event any plaintiff or beneficiary of the settlement is a minor or a legally incompetent adult, plaintiff must obtain Court approval of the settlement at her expense. Plaintiff agrees to obtain such approval in a timely manner: time being of the essence. Plaintiff further agrees that the United States may void this settlement at its option in the event such approval is not obtained in a timely manner. In the event plaintiff fails to obtain such Court approval, the entire Stipulation for Compromise Settlement and Release and the compromise settlement are null and void.

8. Payment of the settlement amount will be made by check drawn on the Treasury of the United States for Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00) and made payable to Beth K. Bechard, Administrator Ad Prosequendum for the Estate of Donald A. Bechard, deceased, plaintiff, and the Law Offices of Martin T. McDonough, as attorneys for plaintiff. The check will be mailed to plaintiff's attorney at the following address: 13 West Avenue,

Suite A, P.O. Box 303, Woodstown, New Jersey 08098. Plaintiff and plaintiff's counsel understand that the United States Department of the Treasury will not withhold taxes from the settlement amount; that the United States Department of the Treasury will report the entire amount of the check to the Internal Revenue Service on a Form 1099; and that the question of tax liability, if any, as a result of such payment is a matter to be resolved between them and the IRS. Plaintiff's attorney agrees to distribute the settlement proceeds to the plaintiff and any other beneficiaries to the settlement, and to obtain a dismissal of the above-captioned action with prejudice, with each party bearing its own fees, costs, and expenses.

9. The parties agree that this Stipulation for Compromise Settlement and Release, including all the terms and conditions of this compromise settlement and any additional agreements relating thereto, may be made public in their entirety, and the plaintiff expressly consents to such release and disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b).

10. It is contemplated that this Stipulation may be executed in several counterparts, with a separate signature page for each party. All such counterparts and signature pages, together, shall be deemed to be one document.

Executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

LAW OFFICES OF MARTIN T. McDONOUGH

Martin T. McDonough, M.D., J.D.  
BY: MARTIN T. McDONOUGH, M.D., J.D.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Beth K. Bechard  
BY: BETH K. BECHARD, AS  
ADMINISTRATOR AD PROSEQUENDUM OF  
THE ESTATE OF DONALD A. BECHARD  
Plaintiff

Executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

PAUL J. FISHMAN  
United States Attorney

Elizabeth A. Pascal  
BY: ELIZABETH A. PASCAL  
Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Attorney for Defendant